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SWINDLER OF FARMERS IS CONVICTED

Death Calls Judge Dennis Paschall in Sanitarium

COUNTY'S LOSS IS GREAT IN DEATH OF PIONEER

Following an illness of several months, Judge W. D. Paschall died Monday morning at ten o'clock at the Johnson Sanitarium in Fort Worth. The remains were brought to his home in Decatur Monday afternoon, and Tuesday at two o'clock the body was carried to the Deep Creek cemetery where funeral services and interment took place. The services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Lockhart, pastor of the First Christian church, and Rev. J. L. Ward, a life-long friend of Mr. Paschall. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of citizens and friends, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

For several months Mr. Paschall had been in failing health. He spent some time at Mineral Wells, and when he returned home he was thought that he had regained his vigor. He appeared to be improving, but the malady from which he was suffering had done its work, leaving him weakened in strength and spirit, and when the news of his brother's death, which occurred two weeks before was brought him, Judge Paschall appeared to fail rapidly. He was taken to the Johnson Sanitarium, and all that medical science knew was done, but of no avail; and Monday morning the spirit of the good man took its flight.

W. Dennis Paschall was born in the Deep Creek community on December 26th, 1858, the year following the location of the county seat. The county of Wise had been organized one year when he was born. In 1886 Mr. Paschall married Miss Fannie Bell Stamps, and to the union five children were born, two dying in infancy. Mrs. Paschall's death occurred in 1911. While living on his farm in Deep Creek settlement he was elected commissioner of that precinct, holding the office two terms. A few years later he was called by the people to serve them as tax assessor, serving two terms. In 1918 he was elected county judge, retiring in 1922, after a service lasting four years.

In the death of Judge Paschall Wise county loses one of its best and noblest citizens, and his demise is mourned by all who knew him. He was a Christian gentleman; a man who stood for the best and highest ideals in this life. He was true to his friends and country; charitable clean in his daily life and honorable in all his dealings. As a public official he gave his best in performing the duties, and the records he made are shining marks of fidelity and honor; records that should stand as goals to be attained by officials who are in the service of the people. He fought fraud and deception in high and low places; he abhorred trickery, and in all his affairs he applied the Golden Rule. He looked upon the "professional joiner" as an enemy of good government; questionable

DALTON FORCED TO FLASH GUN ON TIPSYP GANG

Sunday afternoon near the Herman station, six miles south of Decatur, Motor Cop J. E. Dalton stopped several cars in which were a number of gentlemen who were under influence of liquor and seemed to be obsessed with the idea that the entire road was their right-of-way.

Two or three of the party became indignant at Officer Dalton and they threatened to do dire things to him if he persisted in interfering with them. Dalton asked the gentlemen not to start anything, and when several of them came toward him the officer drew his pistol and told the men to stop. When Dalton demonstrated that he was in dead earnest several of the men got in one of the cars and moved off. As the car started the officer called the driver to stop, and when the order was ignored Dalton shot a hole in a rear tire. A young man passing in a car was asked by the officer to go to the nearest telephone and summon some assistance from the sheriff's department. Officer George Gage answered the call and hurried to the scene, but when he arrived the disturbers had left.

Dalton was unable to cope, single handed, with the strangers, who numbered about twelve, and after he had secured information concerning them the officer allowed them to proceed. Dalton says he knows them, and he hopes to bring them into court here in a short time.

ADVOCATES NURSE FOR WISE COUNTY

Miss Lala Fay Archibald, brought to the county at the instance of Mrs. E. B. Melton, county superintendent, has performed what must be regarded as very valuable work in the interest of the school and the health of Decatur school children. By the aid of Decatur doctors, who co-operated with her loyally, Miss Archibald discovered many defects and physical troubles that inhibit the progress of children in school work and last week the nurse visited many homes and pointed out these defects to the parents of children found to be thus handicapped.

Miss Archibald, since her visit to Wise county, advocates a whole-time health nurse to work in the interest of health and sanitation and better living thruout the county. The federal government is making special provision for this character of work, contributing funds to supplement an allotment expected to be made by the individual counties for the upkeep of the effort.

political practices were repugnant to Dennis Paschall. He was one of the county's foremost leaders in all movements that tended to the betterment of the conditions of his people. He appreciated his friends, and he went to his grave loved and honored as few men in this county have been loved and honored—and as the sorrowing friends stood at the grave on Tuesday afternoon and watched the shovels of sand slowly cover the casket; as they stood and contemplated the mound of beautiful flowers heaped high in loving memory of the man; as the sweet songs of glory drifted out into the great wide space, over the land which knew Dennis Paschall as a boy, a young man and as one of his county's most honored citizens—the realization was driven deep into their hearts that a mighty oak had fallen in the forest of Wise county affairs. We knew Mr. Paschall since we were a knee-pant kid; he was a warm friend of our father's, and in his passing we lose one of the best friends we ever had. Peace, sweet peace, to his soul!

CHRISTMAS PARTY HOPE CHEST WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON DECEMBER 14TH

Following is list of Decatur merchants and business men who are contributing the articles named to the "Hope Chest," which will be given to the couple that publicly marries at Decatur's Christmas Party, which will be held in this city on Friday, December 14th, 1923.

Man & Christian, cedar chest.
Mrs. E. B. Melton, hat for bride.
First National Bank, pass book with ten dollar deposit.
Decatur Light & Water Company, electric iron.
Helm-Dillehay Company, iron bed.
Messenger, one year's subscription.
Dick Reeves, barber work.
H. L. Jones, one-half sack flour.
Rieger Brothers, fur choker.
Boyd & Sons, household furniture insured for one year.
Decatur News, one year's subscription.
Perkins-Timberlake Company, fifty dollar coat suit.
J. M. St. Clair, aluminum utensil.
Buttrill Brothers, five dollars in groceries.
Owl Cafe, supper to the bride and groom.

Majestic, tickets to bridal party.
E. L. Brandenburg, box of apples.
Frank Green, box of candy.
Security State Bank, deposit book and five dollars cash.
Charles Nash, jewelry.
Eagle Drug House, cut glass.
Empire Drug Company, clock.
Decatur Cash Grocery Company, one can Maxwell coffee.
Sanders & Ingram, fifteen dollar ivory mirror.
Lillard's Mississippi Store, one pair of blankets.
Greathouse Hotel, supper for bride and groom.

The above is only a partial list of the contributors to the chest, and others of the public spirited citizenship will be called upon by the committee next week.

AUDITORIUM HERE MAY BE PROJECTED

A called meeting of the chamber of commerce was held on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the proposition of building a community house and auditorium for Decatur. Agitation for such a building was occasioned by the visit to this city of Captain C. W. Scruggs of the Texas National Guard and Captain R. C. Rutherford, regular army instructor. These gentlemen were endeavoring to find a suitable location in the city for an armory hall for the local battery of national guard artillery, and during a conference with several business men, it was decided to make an effort to arrange for a community house which would be adequate for the needs of the battery, as well as suitable for meeting place for all other organizations of the city, as well as an auditorium for public gatherings.

During the meeting of the chamber of commerce, the proposition was gone into thoroughly with the result that sentiment seemed to be in favor of erecting a building near the square to care for all the needs of the community. The finance committee of the chamber of commerce, together with the board of directors, were appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of the proposition and report back to the chamber of commerce at an early date. It was the belief of those present in the meeting that all the people of the community would co-operate in the matter of erecting a community house.

Captains Scruggs and Rutherford stated that if the local battery could not find a suitable place to rent for an armory, the organization would have to be discontinued here. It was pointed out that the battery, when fully equipped and housed, would bring into this city around twenty thousand dollars per year, which amount is spent wholly in Decatur. The local battery was inspected by the men, and Captain N. P. Taylor and his men were complimented very highly upon the condition of the organization.

It is imperative from several viewpoints that the battery secure suitable place for an armory, and the need is great that Decatur have a building which could be used as an auditorium and meeting place for the various organizations. Such a building can be erected thru the united efforts of our people.

PLANS TO SUPPORT LOCAL MUSIC CLUB

It is intimated that our new music organization, the Music Club, would like the assistance of the chamber of commerce in stimulating interest in the many forms of music in Decatur. It is a legitimate part of promotion work to promote interest in any big feature that brings enjoyment, culture and pleasure to the people.

Besides, the town constantly needs trained musicians in most all its campaigns. For this reason the chamber of commerce will help if it can. The Music Club certainly has the organization's well wishes.

DECATUR STREETS MADE PERMANENT

Decatur faces the inescapable fact that she must build her side-walks and streets from the sheer ingenuity of the individual will and private resources of her townspeople. An investigation of the city's financial condition reveals the necessity of this task put upon her people. For many years to come, unless in the meantime property valuations are raised, money for expenditure on street improvements cannot exceed one thousand dollars annually about what is necessary for other purposes.

Mayor J. E. Douglas if of the opinion that this meager thousand dollars should be used for a type of construction that will be of permanent and lasting value if only one street at a time can be built that way. He argues that, owing to the narrowness of the streets of the old town addition and the declivity in every direction from the public square, concrete gutters and curbs are requisite both for the prevention of washing and the widening of the thoroughfares; also that gravel and oil must be used on the streets to make them of permanent value. The mayor has no patience with the system that has been followed which has been that of using the plow and graders to pile the dirt back in the street centers with the gutters left open to wash and ditch out immediately. Douglas is so impressed with the fine and solid construction that has been done on South Trinity street by the property owners and city jointly that he thinks it would be a wise expenditure of the meager amount at the disposal of the city annually to spend that fund on one street at a time, doing the kind of work that has been done on South Trinity.

With reference to the statement that Decatur individuals must dissipate from their minds the hope of getting assistance from the town treasury in the building of street improvements, especially of the streets themselves, this in reality requires no more of Decatur people than has been required of the people of other towns who are compelled to pay a big percent of burden of expense entailed in constructing streets and walks to abutt their property. In all towns the citizens bear the larger burden of expense and by law are compelled to pay what is extracted from them thru taxation. Here the method would be more direct but the effect the same.

Whatever the method of building, the fact is not to be gainsaid that Decatur should have the streets and walks and can not call herself a real town until this foundational weakness is remedied.

J. T. McFall, who lives in the Pella community, while on his way to the school Tuesday with his wagon, while attempting to cross a small stream of water, his team and wagon were caught in the swift current and carried down the stream. Mr. McFall was rescued about six o'clock that evening, but his team and wagon remained in the water all night. On Wednesday morning the team was gotten out alive.

BOND ELECTION IS CARRIED BY BIG MAJORITY

Bridgeport voters responded to the call of progress and carried a seventy-five thousand dollar bond issue to build a unit of the thirty-ninth highway thru that section in an election held Saturday that scored a five to one triumph. Count of the polls showed 465 for and 94 against the bond issue.

The road will intersect the Chico unit of the highway at the rock crusher about midway between Chico and Bridgeport, run then via Bridgeport to Sandy Creek midway between Bridgeport and Decatur. The state high commission is expected to match the amount of the bond total with an allotment from the state and federal fund, all of which is to be expended in the construction of a modern highway serviceable to all the means of traffic and development of a fine and expanding community.

The Bridgeport despairingly needed the outlet, it was contested very earnestly by some of her citizens who could not be won over to the undertaking, and for awhile the outlook was anything but rosy. An intensive campaign however was put on during the last few days and with the favorable result.

Messenger congratulates Bridgeport on this great victory and also commits itself to the proposal soon to start in action, it is hoped, of inducing the construction of the road on from what will be the Bridgeport terminus at Sandy to Decatur, and thence to the east line of the county to intersect there with the unit thru Denton county. Messenger believes this a great victory for all of Wise county. Somehow or other the big Bridgeport proposition was the key to county-wide road problems and one of the essential factors of its solution. And now that it has been settled favorably, great things in the building of roads in Wise county may be expected.

LIVESTOCK TRUCK TRAIN IS PLANNED

At a recent meeting of the Pure Bred Livestock Association, the livestock breeders started plans to stimulate interest in better livestock in Wise county, and the first move is to carry thru the plan of running a livestock truck train over the county after the same plan as was attempted early last summer.

A few good type animals will be loaded in trucks and the breeders themselves will go with them, show them in the various towns and themselves tell why they find it profitable to breed good animals rather than scrubs. Talks will be made by the breeders and also livestock specialists from out of the county, telling what a good animal is and why it is profitable to breed that kind.

This is not a trade trip, as there will be nothing to sell, but a general boost for better livestock in Wise county. We go to Collin, Denton, Tarrant and other counties for our pure-bred stock. Why not have the people come to Wise county after them?

The present plan is to be on the road three days, December 12th, 13th and 14th, making two towns a day and one at night. Definite schedule will be announced later. Watch for the date for your town and help put it over.

The breeders earnestly ask the co-operation of all the people. If you have good stock, have it in your town when they get there. They ask the co-operation of the towns in urging the people to come in on the day they will be in your town. A livestock show of your own for that day will do much to stimulate interest in your section. Show what you have.

TAKES ORDERS FOR FIRM NOT IN EXISTANCE

A well dressed young man, giving his name as Robert Simmons, plead guilty to the charge of swindling in the county court last Saturday, and was fined twenty-five dollars in each of four cases, together with the costs of the court.

This little scene in court was the climax in the career of a young man who had been working the plan of separating the money from the "easy ones" without the return of value received. Young Simmons was last week arrested near Bowie by Deputy O. Cartwright, after County Attorney P. L. Gettys and Deputy Cartwright had been apprised of his operations in the Alvord and Sunset countries. Messrs. Gettys and Cartwright indulged in a merry chase before they finally arrested the young man, but once in the toils of the law, Simmons admitted his guilt readily.

The plan followed by the young grafter was to pose as a salesman for the Muriel Wholesale Company of Wichita, Kansas, taking orders for groceries and clothing. Very low prices were quoted the farmer and after the order had been written out, the amount in cash; or, as in some cases, would give seven per cent off for all cash. Upon investigation, it was found there was no such firm as Muriel Wholesale Company and that the farmers were victims of a ring of fraud salesmen.

In his statement to the court here, Simmons stated he had worked at the graft about nineteen days, starting at Wichita Kansas; that he was given the plan and order book by two men named Vernon and Herzog, who told him to communicate with them later at Shadler, Oklahoma. He admitted that he knew he was violating the law, but had gone into the deal because he could find no other work after leaving the harvest fields. He stated he was instructed by Vernon and Herzog to work the rural districts and small towns, staying away from large cities.

Simmons first came to the notice of local officers thru his operations around Alvord. While working there he dressed well and seemed to have plenty of money, and is reported to have been especially attentive to the young ladies. He told the officers that he was getting ready to make his get-away when arrested.

Young Simmons, after being fined in county court, changed his good clothes for a pair of overalls and took up his labors with the county road gang.

Circle two of Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will open a woman's exchange Saturday, November 24th, where sewing and other fancy work will be sold and exchanged for a small per cent. If you have anything to sell or exchange list it with the ladies. Phone Miss Alma Mae Dallas for particulars.

Told Speed Cop She Would Get Even

New York.—A traffic officer and a motorist whom he caught speeding were aboard a boat here Monday, Bermuda bound on their honeymoon.

Walter Beyer almost burned a tire off his motorcycle six months ago when he pursued a roadster auto in Brooklyn. He caught it and handed Miss Margaret Sterber, twenty-two years old, a summons. "I'll get even with you," she told Meyer after the court had fined her twenty-five dollars.

They were married Sunday.

Edison Says Ford Is Not Man for Race

New York.—"Henry Ford is all right staying where he is; to make him president would be spoiling a good man."

"Automatic machinery will probably bring a four hour day of work and that will be a bad thing."

"The radio craze will die out unless some way is found to take the 'frying' noise out of the music."

These are opinions of Thos. A. Edison, who is in New York attending the electrical show at the Grand Central Palace.

DECATUR TO ENTERTAIN THE PUBLIC WITH XMAS PARTY

HOPE CHEST FOR COUPLE TO BE MARRIED AT THE CLOSE OF HOLIDAY FESTIVAL ON NIGHT OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Decatur's hospitable spirit of Xmas and the holidays is growing demonstrative and bubbling at delightful fever heat. A candid evocation of the glad heart and good will to all will assume form in a most unique and original way on evening of Friday, December 14th, when Decatur will entertain her friends of all the surrounding country communities and towns by giving a big Decatur Christmas party.

A committee for the task of general arrangement was selected in meetings held Monday and Tuesday nights in the chamber of commerce hall. C. P. Dodson was named chairman and Floyd M. Kenny, Rev. W. H. Baker, Superintendent L. B. Gill, Mayor Earl Douglass, Hiram Monroe Helm and Lawrence Boyd were selected to form the remainder of the committee.

Jollification will form a part of the occasion, but it is not a jubilee. The idea is entirely more fresh and original than that which the jubilee comprehends. First of all, the Decatur merchants, bankers and other business institutions will be rife with the spirit of Christmas and hospitality, overflowing with good cheer for the very satisfactory season they have enjoyed. They are going to display beautiful and practical fabrics and utensils of goods in every line of merchandising. The lights will be turned on in increased watts of brilliance, the interiors will be decorated and the show windows made things of beauty and a joy for the evening. Souvenirs, refreshments and music will be on tap. A veritable style show and exhibition of serviceable and artistic wares will come as a consequence. But nothing outside of food, drug, automobile and fountain essentials will be sold that evening.

Lights will burn in all the streets. Decorations in autumnal colors will be festooned about. There will be music and joy and jollification, cut-ups and prank-making—a general good time and a funny and delightful occasion on the streets.

And, you tell 'em, there's whisperings of a wedding—not a mock affair but the real, genuine, dyed-in-the-wool affair, being consummated before the admiring gaze of the expectant thousands which this most original and unique of parties is expected to draw like a magnet to become Decatur's welcomed guests for this glad evening of joy and fun and pleasure.

How can love swains resist the temptation of angling for the rich prize that Decatur's well wishing merchants are arranging as a gift to the fortunate and happy pair of candidates for wedlock—a great hope chest filled to repletion with so many useful and beautiful things as to tantalize the eye and swell the heart with adoration. They can't. We're going to have a wedding. Decatur is going to have a bride and groom all of her own and to show how much she thinks of her proteges she is going to marry them right off and present them with a rich dower of her valuables.

Oh, this is going to be a pretty thing—an event to be long remembered. And you can't afford to miss it. Put aside all other engagements that would interfere with your being one of the big happy company and one "among those present" at Decatur's great big, handsome, beautiful, brilliant Christmas party.

Announcement of the hope chest so far filled appears elsewhere.

Service.

Service is the greatest thing in the human calendar, and the better we equip ourselves the better we serve, because in the expansion of the mind comes the better understanding of how best to serve. No matter what your fortunes in life, the greatest compensation that will come to you tomorrow or next year, or the closing year of your life will be the consciousness that you have somehow been of service either to your friends, your state or your common country. This is the greatest thing that can happen.—Warren G. Harding.

Mr. Biggs was planning to build a summer house in his garden, so he bought an expensive saw. He left his office early the next afternoon, with the intention of starting the job. Putting on a pair of overalls, he went out into the garden. An hour or so later he came into the dining room and flung himself down into a chair in disgust.

"That saw I bought isn't worth two cents!" he stormed. "Why, the thing wouldn't cut butter!"

His small son, Harry, looked up in surprise. "Oh, yes, it would, daddy," he exclaimed earnestly. "Why, Ted and I sawed a whole brick in two with it this morning."

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index).

Professor and Mrst J. B. St. Clair of Newark, were here to spend Saturday and Sunday with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sensibaugh.

Jack county made a fine record Saturday. The bond election for a million dollars for highway building carried by a majority of five to one.

Bill Durham was able to return home Saturday from the sanitarium at Fort Worth, and feels so fine that he really doesn't know he ever had an appendix.

Miss Sadie Ross, daughter of W. P. Ross and a pupil of the Bridgeport public school, has just received the first prize from the state fair at Dallas awarded for best watermelon preserves.

Saturday night the Bridgeport gin turned out its six hundredth bale. It has been raining most of the time and since there has been on more cotton brought in. The six hundred bales ginned here is only a part of the cotton raised in this vicinity. Ginning facilities of the town at best were not adequate to meet demands and a few break-downs early in the season sent a lot of the fleecy staple to other points. Allen & Powers, proprietors of the gin plant, count on getting about a hundred bales more.

M. P. Mask went to Saint Louis again Tuesday to buy more goods. Since putting in a branch house at Decatur he has to buy for two stores and his purchase this trip will be something enormous. Mack Mask is fast going to the front as the leading dry goods merchant in this country. He is a fine business man and all that has ever held him back is lack of the proper amount of newspaper publicity—without which no business man can hope to achieve distinction or greatness in commercial lines. His Decatur store is proving a success beyond his expectations and the day is not far distant when the name "Mack's Shoe Store" will be a household word in Wise county.

Flapper and Jelly Bean.

The flapper and jelly bean attract attention at Roswell, New Mexico. A staff correspondent of the Amarillo Daily News gives an extended write-up of a native Priscilla as she walked the streets of this New Mexico city. The staff writer graphically describes the dress of the Priscilla as follows:

"She wore a short waist and a long, dark skirt that sagged from the point where it was fastened around her slender waist with one frail looking hook, giving rise to alarming speculations as to what would happen if the hook broke.

"Six daisies, a bunch of concord grapes and two clusters of cherries were fastened like a basket of fruit on a crushed strawberry toque, the whole having a most epicurean enchantment."

On passing the street corner the Priscilla noticed one of our modern jelly beans and a flapper seated in an automobile and described them as follows:

"What we then saw was a petite, carmined lipped, cosmetic covered countenance of a flapper attired in a jacket of flaming autumn colors, whose bobbed head was snuggling closely in the arms of a sweet scented jelly bean specially common to this climate."

The writer records the remarks of the Priscilla on the kissing incident: "Well, I never." The country is over run with jelly beans and flappers and they have invaded New Mexico. The kissing custom has become quite popular with these human species, which causes us to remark: "What will be the modesty of the next generation?" What kind of society will we have when the off-springs of the carmine painted flapper and the loud tied jelly bean take their position in the world?—Scurry County Times.

"There's a man outside, sir, that wants to see you about a bill you owe him. He wouldn't give his name."

"What does he look like?"

"Well, he looks like you'd better pay it."

School Costs.

School costs have increased and will continue to increase as long as the school population increases and as long as the schools become more and more efficient. It must however, be remembered by those who are becoming alarmed over the increased cost of education that the national wealth has been increasing more rapidly than have school costs.

It is no doubt true that in some communities the cost of education has increased more rapidly than the wealth of the community, from the fact that the wealth of the country has shifted from some communities to others. The question then arises: Should these communities in which school costs have increased more rapidly than their wealth suffer educationally? They need not, but the problem of equitable taxation must first be solved. They need not suffer, but laws must be enacted providing for larger units of taxation.

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

J. B. Perkins and Miss Lona Brown and Miss Eula Collins were Decatur visitors Sunday.

L. C. Edwards and wife and Miss Ida Hasty of Decatur, were in Fort Worth Tuesday, where they attended the jubilee.

Misses Beatrice Adcock, Kathryn Burch and Elizabeth Lillard of Decatur, were here Friday to attend the football game.

Mrs. Ozema Fortenberry of near Forrestburg, was taken to Dallas on Tuesday, where she will take treatment for cancer.

E. L. Perkins and family of route two, have moved from that place to Rosevelt, Oklahoma, where they will make their home.

Dan "Owl" Walker, right halfback on the high school football team, got his left arm thrown out of place at the elbow Wednesday evening in a practice game. Walker has played every minute of every game this year and the team will miss him in a number of ways, because "Owl" is full of pep and always willing to work.

The Wise County Rural Carriers Association met in Greenwood on last Saturday night in a social meeting which was enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served by the Greenwood postmaster and carrier. The next meeting will be in Decatur on January 1st. Every carrier in the county is urged to be present.

He—"Is she progressive or conservative?"

She—"I don't know. She wears a last year's hat, drives a this year's car and lives on next year's income."

She—"Oh, I wish the Lord had made me a man!"

He (bashfully)—"He did. I'm the man."

Good Roads.

A small dog barking loudly chased madly after a passing express train up a country railroad station platform.

"What makes him run after it?" asked a traveler of the station agent, owner of the dog.

"I dunno," answered the agent, thoughtfully. "But that never bothered me so much as what he will do with it if he ever catches it!"

There are many communities that talk loudly about the needs of good roads, the value of good roads, the use of good roads. They talk themselves into a bond issue, or a road tax, and build, one, two, ten miles of good roads. Too often those miles neither begin anywhere, nor end anywhere; do not connect with any good road at either end. Travelers wonder what they will do with their good roads now they have caught them?

There is no magic in a few miles of paved highways. The farmer who must haul produce thru mud to get to a paved highway, and over ruts and stones after leaving it to get to market, experiences no real economy. The economy and benefit of improved highways come when they are improved for all their length. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. A regiment is no faster than its slowest soldier. A road, for economy of horse flesh or motor capacity, is no more economical than its worst mile.

Who Am I?

I am the most powerful force in the world.

I have caused great wars and wrecked empires.

I sometimes represent wisdom greater than that of Solomon.

I am again the dullest of the most dull.

I have strength greater than the giant Sampson.

I have killed presidents and statesmen who strive to satisfy my hunger.

Yet I rule the world and am supreme in worldly things.

The great and the learned bow before me even tho I be wrong.

My strength is so great that none dare resist it.

To do so would mean social and political death.

Who then am I with all this power that works both good and evil?

I am public opinion!

CHICO NEWS (Review).

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements of Decatur, spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. B. O. Wilkerson, and family.

Mrs. Charles P. Ratliff and baby girl of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Dr. B. O. Wilkerson and family.

Mrs. O. L. Clark and two daughters, Mary Frances and Nacy Melba, of Burkburnett, are visitors at the home of R. P. Williams.

Miss Frances Jennings and J. C. Barnhill Jr, who are attending the Decatur Baptist College, visited their parents here last week-end.

Parent-Teacher Association put on a play at the high school auditorium Saturday night to a crowded house. The funds will be used for benefit of the school.

Representative Roy Coffee made a very nice speech at Lone Star Friday night. A large crowd was out and everybody enjoyed hearing Mr. Coffee very much.

Miss Pauline Morrow spent the week-end with homefolks. She tells us about the state nurse being with the Decatur high school for the last two weeks. She has quite a lot of perfect children in her room. Pauline is like the old hen with one chick; she feels like she has the only children.

"Where's Johnny?" asked the head of the house, coming home from work.

"He was very naughty," replied his wife. "I sent him to bed for swearing."

"Swearing?" roared the indignant father. "I'll teach him to swear!" and he rushed up-stairs. On his way he fell over and for some minutes his voice resounded thru the house. Then Jimmy's mother called:

"John, dear, I'm sure Jimmy has heard enough for the first lesson."

Catalogs Are Coming.

The catalogs are coming. In one night recently two truck loads were dumped from the mail car to be routed thru the post office to people living in this territory. This consignment was only from one mail order house, and everybody knows that all the foreign shopping is not confined to one particular institution.

The mail order business is a very tremendous thing, and is controlled by shrewd business men, who are mindful of the harvest season and know the efficacy of placing a new and nicely printed and illustrated catalog in the hands of the prospective buyer about the time cotton begins coming on the market.

It is said the most telling way to fight the devil is with fire. Be that as it may, one thing is certain, the most effective way to fight the mail order crusade is with advertising. If foreign concerns find it to their interest to pay out thousands of dollars for advertising and postage every year, the home merchant has the opportunity to make the same kind of a campaign.

The home merchant who has the confidence of the public occupies a more enviable place than any foreign concern, and this can be maintained by a personality in straight forward advertising of dependable goods at reasonable prices that outsiders can not compete with.

WORKING WAY AT STATE UNIVERSITY

There are four University of Texas boys working their way thru school by means of employment in the state treasury department, according to State Treasurer C. V. Terrell.

Marvin V. Colbert of Brenham and H. W. Cummings of Ennis are employed as night watchmen. F. L. Kuykendall of Port Arthur and Roy Pope of Tyler do clerical work in the afternoons. Salaries paid are from fifty-five to sixty-two dollars for clerical half-time work and the night watchmen receive thirty-three dollars per month.

A—"Is he very grammatical?" B—"I should say not. It took him a year once to finish one sentence."

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW AUTOMOBILES

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J. C. Caraway, Decatur, Ford.
F. B. Hamilton, Bridgeport, Ford.
G. B. Howell, Decatur, Ford.
J. C. Kingsley, Greenwood, Ford.
J. N. Chadwick, Alvord, Ford.
O. F. Cheves, Newport, Ford.
S. F. Caraway, Decatur, Ford.
Coleman Meek, Decatur, Ford.
C. G. Starnes, Decatur, Ford.
Blanche Stewart, Decatur, Ford.

CUPID'S CAPERS

A. L. Perkins and Miss Pearl Morgan.
Leo Taylor and Miss Ruth Crownover.
J. F. Howard and Miss Lona Stoneking.
E. R. Werner and Miss Essie Fugitt.
J. C. Bailey and Miss Juline Gilley.

MARKET PRICES

Thursday, November 22.
Barley, per bushel.....75 cents
Cotton, per pound.....34 cents
Corn, per bushel.....85 cents
Wheat, per bushel.....\$1.12
Oats, per bushel.....55 cents
Turkeys, per pound.....15 cents
Hens, per pound.....10 cents
Fryers, per pound.....15 cents
Pecans, per pound.....7 to 10 cents
Eggs, per dozen.....40 cents
Cream, per pound.....41 cents
Butter, per pound.....35c
Hay, per ton.....\$15 to 18
Dressed pork, per pound.....12 1/2 cents

"What were you and Mr. Smith talking about in the parlor?" asked her mother.

"Oh, we were discussing our kith and kin," replied the young lady.

The mother looked dubiously at her daughter, whereupon her little brother, wishing to help his sister, said:

"Yeth, they wath, mother. I heard 'em. Mr. Thmith asked her for a kith and she thaid, 'You kin.'"

Grace—"Oh! Stealing jam! I'm going to tell mama!"
Freddy—"Hahn't you rather have some jam?"

Professor—"This is the third time you've looked on Jones's paper."
Stude—"Yes, sir, he doesn't write very plainly."



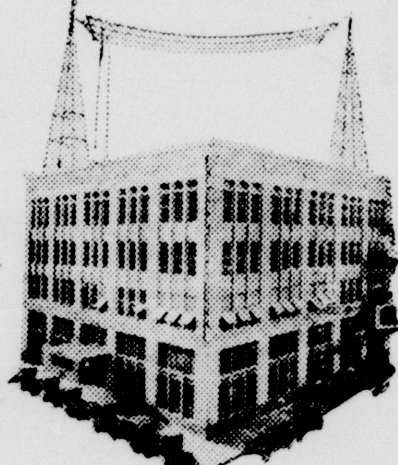
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STUDENTS COMING BACK HOME SOON

**D. B. C. CLASS OF '21 IS
TO RETURN AND CELE-
BRATE DEC. 28-29**

A home-coming of the class of '21 of Decatur Baptist College will be held in Decatur on Friday and Saturday, December 28th and 29th, 1923, at which time a large per cent of graduates from the college of this year will gather for a jolly good time. A varied program of entertainment is being prepared for the visitors during the two days' get-together. Class members will be permitted to bring or invite a friend for the occasion.

On Friday evening a social of two hours will be held at a local confectionery, where diversions and the like will be conducted for the entertainment of the graduates. On Saturday an all-day picnic will be held at the Joe Wheeler Park, south of Decatur, which will be followed Saturday evening by a banquet at the college.

The class of '21 was the largest ever graduated from Decatur Baptist College, and its coming together will be a happy one, it is hoped.

UNIVERSITY GIVES DIPLOMA IN MUSIC

Special diplomas in music are now being offered by the University of Texas this year to comply with the requirements of the new state certificate law, providing that certificates be obtained by college credit instead of state examinations. The diplomas in public school music are offered by the school of music in co-operation with the school of education, and are intended for music supervisors and special teachers of music in public schools. Both theoretical courses in music and special methods of teaching music are offered.

I could not live in peace if I put the shadow of a wilful sin between myself and God.—George Eliot.

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FOR SALE—Pure bred Mammoth bronze turkeys; toms \$8, hens \$5. Pure bred White Wyandotte cockers \$1.50 each. Only have a few.—MRS. JOHN ATKERSON, route four, Decatur. (46-tf)

FOR SALE—Pure bred big-bone bronze turkeys; toms, \$10; hens, \$6. First prize on old tom and young tom at 1923 county fair.—MRS. FRED THOMASON, Decatur. (47)

FOR SALE—Fifteen head of good mules and horses; also wheelers, Fresno scrapers, etc. See R. H. BARNEY, J. A. SIMPSON or SECURITY STATE BANK, Decatur. (39-tf)

FOR SALE—Five dozen good White Leghorn hens; first-class condition; culled in spring; reasonable price.—MRS. S. J. McCORMACK, route three Decatur. Ind. phone. (48)

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FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkeys; young toms weigh from twenty to twenty-five pounds, hens weigh from fourteen to sixteen pounds; prices reasonable.—ANNIE THOMAS, route five, Decatur. (49)

FOR SALE—160 acre farm near Boyd; sandy land; good condition; good improvement.—G. M. HULETT, Gotebo, Oklahoma, or W. G. Standley, Decatur. (48)

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FOR RENT—One room, furnished or unfurnished, with or without garage.—MRS. JULIA TILLEY, South Trinity street, Decatur. (47)

OWSLEY IN RACE FOR U. S. SENATE

**FORT WORTH PAPER SAYS
COLONEL ANNOUNCED
HE WILL BE IN RACE**

Colonel Olvin M. Owsley, former national commander of the American Legion, will be in the next democratic contest for the United States senate. This is a statement coming direct to the Veteran's Voice from Colonel Owsley, who visited in Fort Worth Wednesday night and delivered an address from First Methodist church.—Fort Worth Veteran's Voice

PUBLIC EDUCATION BEING MAINTAINED

Who remembers the Friday afternoon exercises at the country school of thirty or fifty years ago?

This year, Friday, November 23rd, many thousands of people will be reminded of "old times" when they assemble at the country school house for "community day" exercises. This day of education week will be the big day in the rural schools when the community will discuss matters of vital interest. "Equality of opportunity for every American boy and girl" is the first subject suggested, to be followed by a discussion of the rural school in particular, the slogan being: "A square deal for the country boy and girl." In some communities the exercises will be continued Friday night.

Saturday, November 24th, has been designated as physical education day and most of the subjects suggested are of special importance in rural communities. In many places the exercises will be held Saturday night.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the high schools of the United States, in response to an insistent public demand, have introduced much material into various subjects of the curriculums offered in an effort to meet those needs of pupils which grow out of social organization and have quite generally re-organized class room method to the same end. High schools generally have gone much further than this, however, in ways not so generally known. In many schools now the secondary pupils participate quite freely in school government and thru extra curriculum activities are getting more active training thru the participation in activities which have large socializing values.

In a study of rural high school in the United States, which is in progress in the United States bureau of education, it has been found that the high school have developed a variety of extra curriculum activities, the range of which is suggested by the list of the most common ones which follow: Literary society debating club, science club, orchestra, glee club, athletic association, boy scouts, school paper, camp fire birds, junior league, chorus, dramatic club, Latin club, agricultural club, band, home economics club, student council, girl scouts, class chorus, poultry association, junior community league, girl reserves, school annual, garden club, fruit club, sewing club, health cruise, Hi-Y club, nature study club, country club workers, community council, torch society.

Recent state reports show an

encouraging growth in the number of consolidated schools in the United States and the amounts of money spent for transportation of pupils. The little one room schools are gradually disappearing. The movement to centralize rural schools went forward rapidly in the latter part of the decade 1910-20 and it seems now to be continuing with unabated strength now. Not all of the state departments of education have compiled the figures on centralization but the data available point to the general trend.

Thirty-seven states abandoned in the biennium 1920-22 about seven thousand one room schools, which means a decrease of approximately five per cent in the number of such school in those states. Thirty-two states report twelve hundred more consolidated schools in 1922 than in 1920. Campaigns for consolidation, county surveys and bettering of methods of handling pupils transportation are all helping to increase the number of larger, stronger country schools. At least twenty colleges and normal schools are offering teachers special courses in consolidation and transportation. The sum of money spent for transportation by thirty-four states totaled \$18,343,020 in the years 1921-22. This represents an increase over the amount reported by those same states in 1920 of over four and one-half million dollars.

A village school district in one state has received wide publicity in some of the metropolitan daily newspapers because of an ugly row over the location of a new school house. The legal voters of the district decided, by a small majority, to place the new building on the old site. The worst feature of this site, the minority contend, is that it adjoins the railroad yards. All attempts to condemn the site have failed because there is no legal way by which it may be done.

No school building should be located within close proximity to railroad because of danger from fire, disturbing noises and risk to the lives of the children. Occasionally, the only plausible explanation of a fire that destroyed a school house is "sparks from the engine." The irritating squeak and scrape of a switching train not only tends to distract the attention of children from the studies but makes it impossible for a teacher to conduct a recitation effectively. The lives of school children are too precious to be exposed to the dangers involved in locating a school house close by a railroad.

In Indiana the law says that school house sites and buildings shall not, with certain exceptions, be nearer than five hundred feet to a railroad. The laws of every state should prohibit the location of school houses within too close proximity to railroad tracks.

Many little children are becoming acquainted with their first teacher. They are telling their mothers about her at night. Perhaps they refuse to answer questions about her, but they imitate her in talking to the baby, or in driving the cows home from the pasture, they sing as she does. She is making them over and they are recording the fact in many ways.

Do the mothers know her? Invite her home, mother, and see the young son's pride as he watches her eat your delicious rolls and baked apples. She seems to like the malt most as well as he and father do.

The teacher will thereafter seem different to your son David. She has sat at the family table and has helped mother with the dishes. She is not a far away person that a boy needs to be afraid of. She is like dear Aunt Jane who comes to the house sometimes; a guest the family will always be glad to entertain.

Father handed her the paper when mother left to put the last touches to the meal and she told father how interested the big boys and girls are in the daily paper at school. David wonders how soon he can learn to read well enough to go to the school reading table and read the daily paper. He means to work very hard at reading so he can do it before long.

When the new teacher left she told mother how glad she is to know that David has such a happy home; when David thanked her that night for inviting the teacher, mother said:

"Mother at one time taught school, David, and she has not forgotten how much better the work went in the districts where she was invited to the homes."

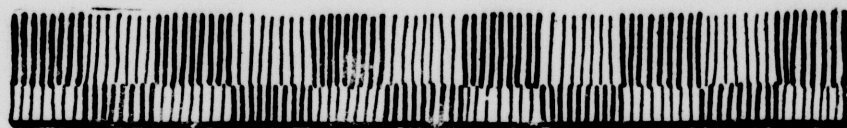
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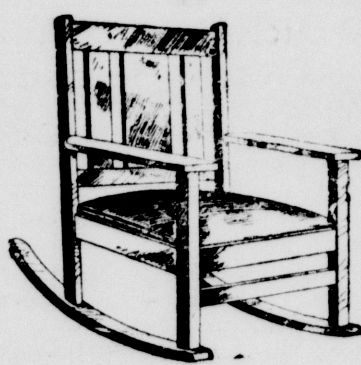
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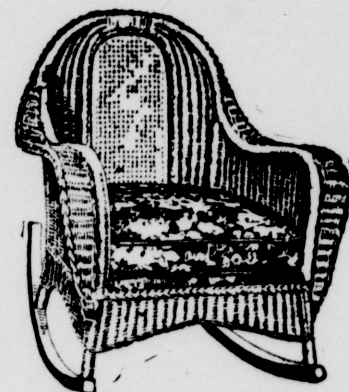
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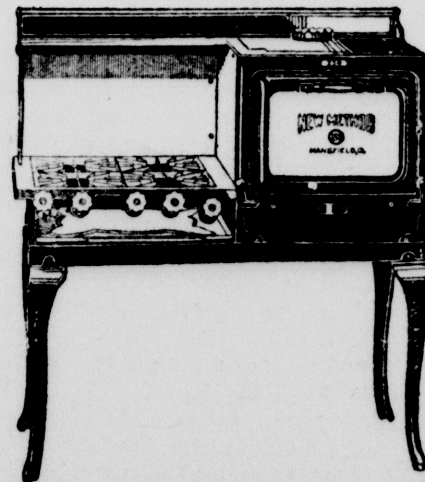
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Friday Morning, November 23rd, 1923.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Grand jury time is drawing near, boys. Check up.

The meat that Jack Walton was eating turns out to be of ordinary cut.

Let's get in behind the chamber of commerce efforts and make the old town come alive. What say you?

A magazine writer tells us that a dog fills an empty space in a man's life. This is especially true of the hot dog.

Count that day lost and tossed into the discard whose low descending sun has not seen Neff in some role on the front page.

The law prohibits persons full of liquor from driving a car. Why not a law prohibiting the plain dang fool from operating one?

Didn't those splendid Bridgeport patriots do the handsome thing? Good roads are coming. The progressive citizen is being heard from.

The press reports that the Rev. J. Frank Norris has admitted his error in going to war against Dr. Brooks, and everything is lovely in the Baptist ranks.

By bringing down a wild turkey while on a hunt in South Texas, Governor Neff effectively knocks into smithereens the claim that the gentleman never shot a gun.

"Iron Jack" denies he has been advanced money from outside source. It is now up to those Decatur citizens who contributed to the fund to put a tracer after their checks.

Lynch Davidson, prominent business man of Houston and state's attorney general, is out with a statement in which he asks the voters of Texas to elect him governor.

At this distance it appears that a number of the higher-ups in the French plan of adjusting affairs in Germany have been associating with a recent governor of a neighboring state.

An inquisitive subscriber wants to know what the difference is in the amounts the county is expending for the protection of the health of the people against the ravages of disease and the health of our cattle.

It is said that Argentina is shipping thousands of tons of dressed turkeys into the United States, and as a result the turkey market has taken a tumble. The deck can now be cleared for a controversy between the consumer and the producer.

Report from the meeting of the Texas Editorial Association carries no mention of Editor Miller of Mineral Wells electrifying the crowd of veteran pencil pushers with "economics." Who loomed on the job? The Mineral Wells person or the reporter?

An announcement from Judge and Mrs. J. H. McCrea of Cisco, says their daughter, Lucile, was married to Mr. Silliman Evans at the McCrea home in that city Tuesday afternoon. After December 1st Mr. and Mrs. Evans will be at home in Washington, D. C.

When the Fool heard his brand-new mate remark that she had rather spend the rest of her natural life in hell than rule his roost, he awoke to the realization that what the devil has in store for him in perdition will be sweet peace and contentment to his soul.

The politicians are feeling out the Farm Labor Union, but the boys of the organization can look down the road and see the wrecks of the Farmers' Alliance and other orders that permitted the smooth-tongued politician in their ranks. When politics and the politician get in the Farm Labor Union, count that day the beginning of the end of the splendid organization.

Our political scouts report a turbulent condition in political affairs next year. It is feared that the big guns in the political arena are to be forced to line up and let the common people know where they stand. Too bad; too bad.

Alvin M. Owsley of Denton, former national commander of the American Legion, has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor. What Morris Sheppard, Pat Neff and others want to know is what the colonel is going to do in another direction.

A friend in California writes that he has quit Texas and returned to "God's country." My good friend, you were in the favored spot of the Lord's vineyard when you were in Texas. But, course; every man to his own liking, quothed the fellow who osculated the bovine.

A press report from Desdemona says: "One of the strangest freaks of nature ever seen here is a two headed snake that was caught on the Mac Man Company's lease." Federal pro enforcement officers should be directed to make a close investigation of conditions in the Desdemona community.

Come to Wise—Wonderful Wise, all you fellows who are heavy laden with sorrows brought on by abbreviated crops. Here, in the selected spot of the good Lord's garden you will find sweet peace and plenty. Come, while the choir sings the marrow-tickling refrain of "The Blue Tail Fly."

The depraved and devilish enemies of good government are planning to keep the offices. Let 'em plan; just watch the march of victory when the sublime old party, headed by Underwood or some other champion of the host of oppressed and office hungry democrats, buckles on the armor and head for the counter! Watch and wait, brethren!

Let us have a highway running east and west thru the county. The government says it is ready to assist in the building of a first-class road from the Denton county line on the east to the Jack county line on the west. Uncle Sam is ready to go fifty-fifty on the proposition. Are the citizens alive to the benefits to come if they accept the old fellow's proposition?

Everybody eat more turkey. Swat the idea that turkey as a table food is a luxury. The birds are cheap now and the farmers want to realize a living profit from the sale of them. There are lots of turkeys in the country and we can help the raisers out by buying and serving the fowl on our tables often. The request has come to the chamber of commerce to spread this idea and try to break up the conviction that turkey is a food fit for holiday occasions only. Eat more turkey and help the farmers.

Neighbor's Rights.

Don't go on a rampage against your neighbor if he refuses to look at all situations thru your glasses. Remember, that neighbor pays taxes and, according to his constitutional rights, he has a perfectly good right to look upon situations as he likes. In other words, in pure, understandable English, your neighbor has as many rights as you.—Wise County Messenger.

Undoubtedly he has—but it's often rather difficult for us to recognize it. We can't understand why our neighbor—and most everybody else for that matter—can't see things as we do, and often are moved to pity him because he can not. But we frequently live to see that he had much better ideas than we. Theoretically most of us are willing to admit that others have the same rights in all matters as have we, but in practice we usually do not go that far. As a prospective turbulent political year is in the offing, it wouldn't be a bad time to take this thought to ourselves and make a strong effort this time to carry out our resolution often made and often broken that we're not going to get so wrought up over candidates or platforms that we will fall out with our neighbors and friends merely because they don't see things as we do and also claim the same privilege we claim of having a right to their opinions.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Consolidation Plan.

If his statement before Interstate Commerce Commission last week was fairly reported in press dispatches, Mr. Splawn put himself in opposition both to the policy of railroad consolidation, as proposed by the transportation act, and to the particular scheme under consideration to effect that policy. It is to be inferred from the report of his statement that, in Mr. Splawn's opinion, it is not possible to effect such a grouping of the railroads as would reconcile him to the adoption of the policy, his belief being, apparently, that the benefits which would come from even an ideal grouping would not compensate for the disadvantages which he regards as inherent and unavoidable.

But while this is the only inference to be drawn from the press dispatch's synopsis of Mr. Splawn's argument against the policy of consolidation, conclusion is somewhat questioned by the cogency with which he advocated the particular plan he offered as a substitute for that under consideration, in so far as it relates to the roads in whose disposition Texas has a sectional interest. The grouping which Mr. Splawn suggested differs radically from that recommended by Professor Ripley, which is the one tentatively under consideration. His plan would give every great system west of the Mississippi an outlet to the gulf, and put them under the inclination of a preponderant interest to favor gulf ports in the movement of traffic seaward that originates between the Mississippi and the Rocky mountains. Every one of these big systems, moreover, would be highly competitive with every other.

Particular plan proposed by Mr. Splawn seems incomparably better than that which is under consideration on the recommendation of Ripley considered from the standpoint of the interest of Texas, and even from the larger one of the interest of the great agricultural states of the west. The adoption of that particular plan, it is safe to say, would win to the proposed policy of consolidation support of most of those in this state who are now opposed to it. And Mr. Splawn, there is reason to suspect, might himself be included in that statement. He argued so persuasively and eloquently for his own plan, in contradiction to that of Professor Ripley, as to make one wonder whether the opposition which he expressed to the principle and policy of consolidation is not in reality inspired by his objections to the particular application it is proposed to make of it to railroads of the west and southwest. If that is the case, he must concede that there are possibilities of good in the proposed policy of consolidation, and that one's attitude toward it is to be determined by the application which is made of that policy. At the least, it is evident that the adoption of the policy to which he is abstractly opposed would not make Mr. Splawn unhappy if it were effected in the manner suggested by him. He might think it regrettable, but would hardly think it calamitous.—Dallas News.

Them Days Is Gone.

They used to call him "Iron Jack" Walton back yonder in the days when he was doing big things for Oklahoma City, stirring the people with his short, snappy talks about the duties of good citizens. His people regarded him as a man of strong likes and dislikes with the "common herd" being favored. These common folks thought "Jack" Walton was their protector and leader; they had faith, absolute faith, in the man's honesty. He was rugged, and had come up from the ranks. He was one man who appreciated the poor but honest man's position in the affairs of the country, and he was looked to to see that the common people got their dues and deserts. As mayor of Oklahoma City he brought about reforms in city government which appealed to the people. He was acclaimed a "big man," and when the wheel turned, Walton became governor. He was elected as a "commoner." He set aside customs; told the boys from the forks of the creek to come in and make merry in the good old way while he took over the duties as chief executive. The boys and gals came. A big barbecue was staged on the capitol grounds; old fiddles were brought out, and to the tunes of "Billy in the Low Ground," "Cotton Eyed Joe" and "Waggoner," raw-hide boots and brass-toed shoes knocked new turf into powdered dirt on the capitol sward. All was merry, and Jack Walton was acclaimed the biggest and best man Oklahoma had ever elevated to the governor's chair.

The hurrah over, Walton went up into the citadel, the watch-tower, and the guests returned to their homes. Seemingly, everything was moving along serenely, and the ship of state was riding an even keel; but, on the inside, in the watch-tower, the crown was not resting on the head of a contented man. The power that goes with crowing and scepters was making Jack Walton restless—and bringing to the surface traits the dear "common people," followers and shouters of the great man, had never connected with Jack Walton! The great man, the big man and the "common herd's" champion became intoxicated with the power that had been delegated to him by a trusting people. He threw right and reason to the four winds. He became mad with the desire to punish his political enemies and reward the bosses.

He fell—as William Sulzer fell, as Mat Quay fell—as all pilfers of the people's funds and violators of public trusts shall fall!

Optimism.

I never saw a cloudy day but what a brighter dawned, I never saw a night so dark there was no light beyond; I never say a road so rough it did not have an end, I only feel my saddest hours to know that joys impend.

I never saw a frown so dark but what a smile illumed, I never saw a lonely grave but on it some flower bloomed; I never saw the sea so wild but what it sank to rest, The lightning's flash, which carries death, of healing is possessed.

And so, dear ones, as troubles come and shadows darkly fall, When anguish at your heart strings tugs and grief rests as a pall, Be comforted and don't despair. God's mercies will invest Your soul with peace if you will trust in him. He knoweth best.

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East Main Street— —Decatur, Texas

"Well! Strong!"

Mrs. Anna Clover, of R. F. D. 1, near Field, Kans., says: "I began to suffer some months ago with womanly troubles, and I was afraid I was going to get in bed. Each month I suffered with my head, back and sides—a weak, aching, nervous feeling. I began to try medicines as I knew I was getting worse. I did not seem to find the right remedy until someone told me of CARDUI.

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

I used two bottles before I could see any great change, but after that it was remarkable how much better I got. I am now well and strong. I can recommend Cardui, for it certainly benefited me."

If you have been experimenting on yourself with all kinds of different remedies, better get back to good, old, reliable Cardui, the medicine for women, about which you have always heard, which has helped many thousands of others, and which should help you, too. Ask your neighbor about it; she has probably used it.

For sale everywhere.

DISCUSSING PLANS FOR FAIR EXHIBITS

That Wise county will make an effort to have her agricultural opportunities and resources advertised in a creditable manner and represented at the Dallas Fair next fall was reflected by a brief bit of favorable discussion indulged in by the board of directors of the chamber of commerce in a meeting last Friday night. Definite action was not taken at the time but is believed that the effort will soon be authorized. Quite an amount of exhibition enthusiasm was worked up in connection with the last Wise County Fair and it is definitely understood that many of our people will not remain content without having essayed a showing of products against the other counties of the lone star state. Should a venture of this kind be decided the intention should be declared far in advance so that the farm men and women can have time to exert themselves in growing and arranging the essential high quality of products. A more stimulating quest could hardly be imagined by our people. The several communities of the county initially competing amongst themselves and finally all united competing against the other counties of the state would undoubtedly result in arousing a fine zest and intensified efforts in the high phases of agriculture susceptible of development in the several communities.

Originally it was thought that the expense would inhibit the effort, but investigation has proven that the cost assessed pro rata against each of the several communities which it is believed can be induced to come into the plan would form a negligible amount for each to pay. Community fairs were held the present season at Sweetwater, Sycamore, Decatur and Alvord, and others were suggested at Boyd and Bridgeport but failed to materialize, probably for the lack of time. If all of these and others can come in next year and show the class of products which were on exhibition this year, the result of a collection of Wise county products shown competitively against the state may not be doubted. Inevitable verdict would be that we would bring home the blue ribbon from the State Fair.

METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday evening we will have a special service for young people, a service in which all the young people of the town will find a welcome. The subject of the evening service will be "Is the Moral Growing Better?" Come out to this service and enjoy the hour. We will have one special feature that will please you—a demonstration of echo singing in which the singers will be hidden.

We had one hundred and fifty at "church night" last Wednesday evening. We have set a goal of one hundred average for the year. Help us to keep up the good work by coming and bringing some one with you. We had two hundred and forty-seven in Sunday school Sunday without any special effort.

All our services are bright, brief and brotherly.—W. H. Baker, pastor.

SILLIMAN EVANS IS MARRIED TUESDAY

Cisco, Texas, Nov. 20.—Miss Lucile McCrea, daughter of Judge and Mrs. L. H. McCrea of Cisco, and Silliman Evans of Fort Worth, were married here Tuesday morning at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. T. Edgar Neal, pastor of the First Methodist church of Weatherford and brother-in-law of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The wedding was a simple but very pretty home affair. The service was read in the living room, the bride entering with her father and the bridegroom with Louis J. Wortham. Miss Genevieve Wood of Dallas played the wedding march. Alice Eastle Spencer, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer of Cisco, was ring bearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans left immediately after the ceremony for Dallas and from there departed for San Antonio. After a week in that city they will go to Washington, where Mr. Evans will represent the Star-Telegram as Washington correspondent during the session of congress opening December 2nd.

OAK GROVE GOING AHEAD BY SYSTEM

The community of Oak Grove, in which reside some of the best breeders and most skillful farmers, is now tending toward the organization and establishment of uniformity of production which is now regarded as among the modern, essential and profitable steps in latter day agriculture and community life. The uniformity and guarantee of purity of egg production has already been decided. Now it is said a similar plan will be attempted in connection with the production of other salable articles—fruits, vegetables and staple products—ultimately mayhap dairy cattle and hogs. It is a splendid ideal to look for and build to.

Oak Grove might require a considerable interval of time to achieve the practical working out of the plan, but it is highly commendable of her good people that they have attempted it or even seriously considered it. The plan, of course, has been evolved successfully in other highly developed communities and can be done in a community of Wise county.

TWENTY YEARS ON MAIL ROUTE HERE

I have been carrying mail out of Decatur since the year 1904. On the first day of next April, I shall have carried mail for twenty years. I have pleasant days as well as some dreary days. Will not take time to tell of my troubles, but will give you some very important ideas about helping the work along. Do your shopping early and do your Christmas mailing early. I insist that you take note of these items. The time has come to have the close co-operation of the patrons along route five, as well as others. For the past several years all classes of mail have been steadily increasing, and by observing the following suggestions many unnecessary delays of the carriers may be avoided.

1.—Have all first-class mail to be lifted properly stamped before the arrival of the carrier. Carriers have postal supplies for sale, which the patrons may procure in advance of their needs. Place addresses in such position on envelope so that cancelling stamp machine may not destroy any part of the address. Should you wish your letter to be returned in case of non-delivery, place your address upon the upper left hand corner; otherwise it will go to the dead letter office. Should you have a letter to be delivered quickly, put on ten cents in stamps in addition to the regular postage and mark the same "special delivery." Should you have an important and valuable letter to send, have same registered by your carrier; the cost is ten cents in addition to the regular postage. Should you have several letters to send, tie them together and place the stamps in same relative position. Money order application shall be filled out by the sender and if possible have the exact change. Money placed in boxes is at the patron's risk—should be handed to the carrier in person.

2.—Wrap all parcels securely and address same as a letter. Be sure to place return address in upper left hand corner. Should it be desired to have parcel and letter delivered at the same time, paste letter on parcel and place separate postage on each. It is advisable to have parcel insured to avoid any loss to sender. Address may be placed in parcels which may assist in making delivery in case the outside address is destroyed. Do not place any letter inside of parcel; there is a heavy penalty for doing so. When expecting c. o. d. parcels, have money ready for payment on first delivery. Returning c. o. d. parcels not only delays the mail but requires extra work for clerks and carriers. Parcels may also be sent "special delivery."

3.—Boxes shall be placed on the right side of road on all state highways and at all places with openings toward the road and in such position so carrier can conveniently deliver and take out mail without leaving vehicle. Avoid all deep gutters, as it may prevent the box being accidentally torn down from its fastening besides making it easier to serve. The top of box should be four and one-half feet above ground. When replacing box it is advisable to procure one that opens on the end so that carrier can look in and thus prevent missing mail that was placed there for collection. Where deliveries are close together, boxes should be placed in such position that carrier can serve them in groups with one stop. It is also required that most boxes shall be painted white and the names in black. Flags should be placed perpendicular to the road so that carrier will see the broad side in approaching a box. A little red paint will greatly assist in attracting the attention of the carrier when there is mail in box for collection.

4.—Should the road in your locality be in bad condition, try to induce your road supervisor to make repairs at his earliest convenience. Good roads greatly facilitate good mail service. It is frankly admitted that horses can not render efficient service on these long rural routes with the quantities of mail now handled. Carriers are voluntarily using automobiles on horse-drawn routes, thus giving our best service to the patrons and satisfaction to the post office department.

Yours for service with a smile,
JOHN E. KENDRICK,
R. L. C. No. 5, Decatur, Texas.
Continuously in service since April the first, 1904.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses and words of sympathy extended during the last illness and at the death of our beloved father. Your friendship has been a great comfort in our time of sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. Vance Paschall
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Belew.

DECATUR IS LIVING HOME COMMUNITY

The croakers, for want of pessimistic fodder to feed on, are about all dead this fall, but scarcely have the most optimistic of us appreciated to what degree our community is now independent of the rest of the world when it comes to the provision of the necessities of life. Our fields grow wheat which the Lillard Mill makes into flour whose excellence of quality stands as the peer of any; our meat comes largely from local breeders of cattle, hogs, poultry, sheep; Frank Green cooks Lillard flour into the best of hot loaves; butter that wins the prizes in competition and savory milk come from neighboring herds of our dairymen who are achieving a state of efficiency for their growing skill in sanitary handling of dairy products; you can have home brewed feeds for all purposes by the Bewley interests; Pinkerton will make you delectable candy; home-made brooms will keep the house sanitary; Dan Buck will put a downy mattress under your weary body; Mrs. E. B. Melton and the Mississippi Store will fashion a stylish head piece to adorn the top of it; the Champion Shoe Shop will keep the feet shod and dry; Dodson will provide you home manufactured power and artifices for the performance of nearly all duties of life; Fred Burtis will solder and well you together when you fall apart; Coleman will wash your robes as white as snow; our drug stores make salves, cordials and tonics; our own doctors heal us; our schools educate us; our churches bind up our moral wounds, and, it is hoped, save us. In fact, this is a self contained neighborhood; we make everything here but bootlegger and counterfeit money and Od's blood.

One other thing—the nerve, the courage, the loyalty and the patriotism to use these home manufactured articles to the exclusion of all the imported ones in the interest of the growth and development and progress and prosperity of our town and country community.

REFLECTORS MUST BE PUT ON TRUCKS

Motor Cop J. E. Dalton was this week instructed by Judge Sam M. Ward to begin the enforcement of the law regarding the placing of rear-view mirrors on motor trucks. The law is very plain in the demand that all trucks shall be equipped with the mirrors, providing a heavy fine for violation.

Mr. Dalton stated he would give all truck operators time to place the mirrors on their vehicles before making any arrests, but that he expected to enforce the law to the letter. He also calls the attention to the speed limit of trucks, which is eighteen miles per hour on the highways.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival meeting in progress at the Baptist church is attracting large crowds, and is growing rapidly in interest. No other meeting at this church in three years has started with promise of larger success. The music, under the direction of Professor H. P. Black, is good, and the people have a mind to work. A most cordial invitation is extended to all the people of the town to attend and co-operate. Services are held each day at ten a. m. and seven-fifteen p. m. The meeting will continue thru next Wednesday, and possibly thru all of next week.—R. E. Bell, pastor.

GREATER FACILITY OF RURAL SCHOOLS

The greatest tragedy of the rural school problem in many countries is lack of opportunity for high school instruction. This situation is impairing rural life by depriving thousands of country boys and girls of the chance to receive as much education as their city cousins; by compelling many good farmers to leave the land and move to town where they can secure high school advantages for their children; and by forcing other farmers to make great financial sacrifices in order to board the children in towns where high schools exist or to meet the still further expense of placing them in boarding schools.

In one county, for example, having fifty-seven one and two teacher schools, only about fifty per cent of the eighth grade graduates enter high schools. In another county, which has eliminated practically all its one teacher schools, about ninety per cent of the eighth grade graduates enter high school. These two examples are only a few of the many that could be given to show that consolidation will increase high school enrollment.

SAM J. HARMONSON BURIED AT JUSTIN

The body of Sam J. Harmonson, a nephew of Ben Harmonson of this community, was brought to Justin on Sunday for interment, and the funeral and burial services there were attended by the following from Decatur: Hugh Breedlove and family, Mrs. Stella Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harmonson, R. L. Thompson, H. M. Buttrill, James W. Smith and Jack Walker.

Decatur Masons assisted in the burial services under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Harmonson was accidentally killed when his horse fell on him at his ranch near Alpine Wednesday. He was reared in the Justin community, and was well and favorably known in this county. He was twenty-eight years of age.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Harm Langston by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the forty-third judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said forty-third judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in November A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 13th day of November A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5314, wherein Minnie Langston is plaintiff and Harm Langston is defendant and said petition alleging that plaintiff has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the state of Texas for twelve months and has been a resident of Wise county for six months next preceding the filing of this petition; that plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about the 18th day of July A. D. 1909; that they continued to live together as man and wife until the 13th day of August, A. D. 1923, when defendant began a course of unkind, harsh and tyrannical conduct toward her; that said conduct and treatment by defendant has rendered their further living together insupportable; that plaintiff was always mindful of marital vows and treated defendant with kindness and attention; that she had four children by him during said marriage relation; that they accumulated property during said marriage near the value of one thousand dollars; and that defendant took about four hundred dollars in money, a horse and wagon with him when he left plaintiff on the date aforesaid. Wherefore plaintiff prays for judgment dissolving said marriage relation, for care and custody of her minor children, for all property now in the jurisdiction of the court belonging to the estate of plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief, in law and equity, special and general, as she may be entitled to receive.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 13th day of November, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court of Wise county, Texas. (Nov 16-Dec 7)

WAS EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD SUNDAY

W. P. Brown, one of the pioneers of this county, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday here last Sunday, and he received the congratulations of relatives and many friends upon arriving at this ripe old age. Mr. Brown attended church on his birthday, winding up his sixty-ninth year of service in the Church of Christ.

Mr. Brown was born in Wilkes county, North Carolina. He served over three years in the confederate army, taking part in some important engagements under General Walker. Fifty years ago he settled in this section, and has since been active in the upbuilding of the county, always proving a citizen of high order and doing his part in the progress of his community. At the age of eighty-seven Mr. Brown is yet active and delights in the association of his many friends. Messenger wishes for this good man many more returns of his birthday.

Visitor—"What's the hardest thing to learn about farming?"

Farmer—"Gettin' up at five o'clock in the mornin'!"

"Why do people cry at weddings?"
"Well, I imagine those who have been married themselves start it, and the others join in."

Don't forget the bargain days for Messenger subscriptions. See advertisement on page eight of this issue. From November 9th to December 16th the price of Wise county's best newspaper is one dollar for one year.

It Takes More Than a Sign Over the Door to Make a Bank

—It takes experience, brains and the proper organization for the protection of depositors.

—This bank is under state control. Its books are regularly examined by proper officials. Every transaction must meet the approval of their rigid requirements.

—And in addition to that our directors are most conservative and experienced men—men who have made a study of the banking business and of financial conditions, and put the welfare of depositors above that of themselves.

—Your money is absolutely safe in this bank. It is here until you need it—and it is your when you want it. Remember it draws interest, compounded twice each year if on time deposit.

The Security State Bank

—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Farm Loans

—The Federal Land Bank of Houston offers loans to farmers on conservative values with liberal dependable service. Write or see W. P. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, Decatur National Farm Loan Association.

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:30 am
1—	9:45 am	11:08 am	1:10 pm
5—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:30 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
2—	2:45 pm	4:57 pm	6:20 pm

Semi-annual clearance sale on all millinery. Ladies hats, one dollar and up; children's hats, twenty-five cents and up—beginning Saturday, and lasting seven days. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

"From Rags to Riches," Wesley Barry in the leading role, at Majestic theatre tonight.

Uncle Tom Gentry has returned from a visit to Hobart, Oklahoma.

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour, Lillard's Mill, since '93.

T. E. and A. G. Dodd of Estancia, New Mexico, have been visiting the family of their brother, Floyd.

There will be a pie supper given at Round Mound school on Friday night, November 23rd. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Our new feed grinder will pulverize anything, and we grind every day. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Miss Hazel Poff of Fort Worth, has been visiting Miss Bess Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Coleman visited in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Fourteen candidates were given the degrees in the local chapter of the De Molay lodge last Monday night. A number of visiting Masons and De Molays were present from Bridgeport, Boyd and Alvord.

If you use hair tonic, why not get size bottles at Shoemaker's barber the best—it costs no more. Retail soap.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gose were here from Wichita Falls several days this week.

Mrs. G. B. McAdams of Quanah, is the guest of the family of Judge John G. Gose.

Yes—we deliver to your house. Phone S. W. 34, Ind. 90. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

W. A. Makers and wife of Amarillo, are here visiting the family of H. E. Brady.

M. W. Burch, Harold McCarter and Zack Lillard have returned from a big deer hunt near Kerrville. Mr. Burch was the only one of the party to get a deer.

We pay the best cash prices for all produce and pecans. A. D. Reeves.

See Wesley Barry in "From Rags to Riches" at the Majestic tonight.

All the business houses of the city will be closed all day next Thursday—Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Inez Price of C. I. A. Denton, visited Mrs. N. P. Taylor last Sunday.

Yes—we deliver to your house. Phone S. W. 34, Ind. 90. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

R. T. and Jack Rieger Jr. visited in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bellah and Miss Florence and Julia Bellah visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Miss Mary Sue Orton of Henrietta, visited Miss Louise Puckett last week-end.

Mrs. G. E. King of Henrietta, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sam Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heathington and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rieger were Fort Worth visitors Thursday.

There will be a pie supper at the Bethel church Thanksgiving night. Proceeds will go to repairing the building. Everybody invited.

Mrs. P. M. Curry has opened a kindergarten school in the Sunday school rooms of First Baptist church with an attendance of twenty-five.

Miss Merle Smith of Alvord high school faculty, visited here Sunday.

We do custom grinding. Flour, feed, meal. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mrs. P. L. Jones was called to Breckenridge yesterday on account of the illness of her brother.

Mrs. S. P. Farler was carried to Dallas sanitarium for treatment yesterday.

We have barley, meal, bran, shorts, rice bran, oats, corn chops, Liberty chick feed—some line-up. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Ellis Plaxco was here Wednesday from Fort Worth.

W. S. Lilly was here Monday from Greenwood.

"Pride of Texas" continues to lead in sales. Have you had yours today? Lillard's Mill, since '93.

L. L. Hoyl attended a poultry show in Fort Worth this week.

The following are among Decatur ladies who attended the Baptist W. M. U. meeting at Alvord yesterday: Mmes. Jack Walker, Oma Cartwright, T. J. Dillehay, Jack Ogles, Fred Freeman, R. C. Nutting, H. L. Jones, J. V. Patterson, R. J. Jones, D. Y. Lunn, L. P. Gentry and others.

Jack Rieger of Sanger visited here Sunday.

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Postmaster Charles E. Bradford is spending his vacation in Southeast Texas.

Rev. A. C. Turner, formerly a resident of this city, was recently chosen pastor of the South Side Baptist church of Wichita Falls. Rev. Turner is a brother of D. M. Turner of this city.

Have your holiday picture-framing done early. Man and Christian does work. Have just received big shipment of new moldings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parr were here Sunday from Sanger.

Miss Dollie Mecaskey visited Sanger Saturday.

Solid colors in twenty-nine inch chevrons for nineteen cents per yard at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mrs. Dick Collins entertained the Worth White Club yesterday afternoon at her home on West Main street. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had by the members.

Messenger bargain days—November 9th to December 15th—one year Messenger for one dollar!

The circle two members of the missionary society of the Methodist church entertained themselves with a feast Monday at the home of Mrs. Jack Cates. Each one contributed to the big "feed," and all those attending report one of the most enjoyable times of the season. The husbands, sons and daughters of the members scattered to the hotels and boarding houses for their noon meal, and at a meeting called in the afternoon by these husbands, sons and daughters it was resolved that restrictions now in force concerning the ladies' circle feasts be removed.

Semi-annual clearance sale on all millinery. Ladies hats, one dollar and up; children's hats, twenty-five cents and up—beginning Saturday, and lasting seven days. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Howard Man moved his family and household goods from Bridgeport to Decatur Wednesday.

R. B. Bonner of the Bonner Loan & Investment Company of Dallas, was here several days this week.

Our new feed grinder will pulverize anything, and we grind every day. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

The Decatur W. C. T. U. will meet this Friday afternoon at the First Methodist church at three o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Some of Wise county's fanciest chickens are on exhibition in the big coliseum poultry show at Fort Worth which began Thursday and will run thru until Sunday. Gordon Renshaw is there with twelve of his champion Minorcas. L. L. Hoyl and Bruton Baits are also exhibitors. Shelby and Dave Hoyl and others are visitors.

We do custom grinding. Flour, feed, meal. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mrs. W. P. Russell has returned from Dallas, where she went to have an X-ray examination made of her right foot, in which a piece of needle was found and extracted. Mrs. Russell stepped on the needle at her home several days ago. Miss Alma Mae Dallas accompanied Mrs. Russell to Dallas.

Miss Reedy Lambert has returned from a visit to her sister in Corsicana.

A pie supper will be held at the school house at Liberty on Friday, October 23rd. Everybody invited.

It is reported that a woman's Ku Klux Klan has been organized in this city.

Mrs. Jimmie Jones of Boyd, is visiting the family of J. A. Moore.

Mrs. D. M. Turner was an Alvord visitor yesterday.

Semi-annual clearance sale on all millinery. Ladies hats, one dollar and up; children's hats, twenty-five cents and up—beginning Saturday, and lasting seven days. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Some better methods of cleaning up requested of the majority of merchants of three sides of the square was responded to only partially Tuesday, but improvement was shown. The other side will be asked to fall into the plan of taking advantage of the regular weekly clean-up today with a view to improving appearances. Mayor Douglass co-operated by having the extra accumulations hauled off this week.

We have barley, meal, bran, shorts, rice bran, oats, corn chops, Liberty chick feed—some line-up. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mrs. Pete Hopson and children left this week for Vernon, where they joined Mr. Hopson in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are occupying home located by the Hopson family on West Main street.

B. R. Floyd has returned to the city, after several weeks' absence in Electra.

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour, Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mrs. James McCarter is visiting in Mineral Wells, the guest of Mrs. M. E. Vance.

Mrs. M. W. Burch, delegate to the Woman's Federated Clubs meeting in Wichita Falls, has returned home, and states the meeting was one of the best and most interesting that the federation has held in a number of years.

"From Rags to Riches" is a real feature film with Wesley Barry in the leading role—Majestic tonight.

Jim Baits is installing a six hundred egg incubator on his poultry farm just north of town which, with the incubators on hand, will increase his hatching capacity to fifteen hundred chicks each three weeks. He hopes to increase his output as circumstances admit and require. This will add a considerable convenience to those who want to raise chickens and have not the facilities. It appears that the tendency is toward large community hatcheries in each vicinity doing the work for all and the gradual abandonment of effort on the part of individuals to hatch their own chickens. The prospects are for building up a big community industry out of this initial effort.

Boys, try that retail size in hair oil for twenty-five cents at Roe Shoe maker's shop.

Frank Turner of Bridgeport, attended the funeral of Judge W. D. Paschall Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Jennings Brown of Waco, is here visiting his mother.

Oh yes, we have Purina cow-chow, the only perfect balanced ration. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

During the past week Lillard & Company bought eleven bales of very high-grade cotton from B. S. Mosier of the Greenwood country, the price paid being thirty-two and one-half cents per pound. The cotton was the prettiest we have seen on the Decatur market this season, and there was practically no difference in the whole lot of eleven bales.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnhill were here from Chico Monday.

Extra values in Tupelo chevits at Perkins-Timberlake Company—at nineteen cents per yard.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Judge W. D. Paschall here Tuesday were: Mrs. Mary Anderson, Menard; Mrs. Lee Caldwell, Menard; Abe and William Anderson, Mexia; Julian E. Ward, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paschall, Denton; Joe Stamps and family, Fort Worth; John Woody and wife, Fort Worth; Julian Stepp and wife, Graham.

The old expert watch-maker repairs all kinds of Swiss, English and American watches. And the only way you can find out is to bring your watches to me and I will guarantee that when you get them they will keep exact time. Have had about forty-nine years of experience. Give me a trial and I will please you. S. B. Johnson, next door to post office.

Editor D. M. Norwood of Bridgeport Index, was here Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call.

Clyde Slimp and family of Rhome, were here Wednesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Decatur Masonic lodge will be held Saturday night. The Royal Arch chapter will meet next Monday night.

Mrs. Sam Longley and son of Archer county, are visiting the family of J. I. McDaniel.

"Pride of Texas" continues to lead in sales. Have you had yours today? Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Leonard Fox and family of Childress, have been visiting relatives and old friends here this week.

Rev. George F. Boyd was here from Bridgeport Monday.

M. T. Frazee was here from Boyd Monday.

A. P. Hayes spent several days last week in Waco, visiting his friend, J. P. Hayter. Mr. Hayter has been in ill health for some time, but is reported as improving.

We are county agents for Ralston's Purina balanced feeds. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

R. L. Selby and children of Denton, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Decatur.

Ennis and Willie Jeffries were here from Fort Worth Saturday visiting their father, J. L. Jeffries.

"Pride of Texas" continues to lead in sales. Have you had yours today? Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Rev. W. Harrison Baker, pastor of the First Methodist church, has been invited by the senior class of the Van Alstyne high school to preach the commencement sermon in May, 1924.

A Dollar Jar of Cold Cream

FREE

with every purchase of a dollar box of

Poudre **FELICE** de Corday

The Great French Creation

Here is a face powder that will satisfy your every desire, prove a genuine delight to your esthetic sense and bring to you the joy of a perfect complexion, exemplified in a skin as soft and fresh as that of tender youth. And to your further supreme gratification you will find that it STAYS ON—under all conditions—resisting successfully heat, wind and perspiration.

\$2.00 Value for \$1.00

Remember, a BIG dollar jar of Felice Cold Cream, the matchless cosmetic, superior to any product of its kind. Absolutely FREE, with every purchase of a box of Poudre Felice. Don't miss the opportunity to accept this wonderful combination offer.

For sale by **EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY**

Mrs. M. H. Downs of Fort Worth, is visiting here.

There is going to be a pie social at Flatwoods school house on Friday night, November 30th. Everybody invited.

We do custom grinding. Flour, feed, meal. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

George Bussey and family were here from Fort Worth Saturday.

C. A. Pruden, manager of the Texas Power & Light Company of Bowie, was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Oh yes, we have Purina cow-chow, the only perfect balanced ration. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

Mrs. C. E. Shaw and Miss Mary Jo Troxell were here Wednesday from Rhome.

Our new feed grinder will pulverize anything, and we grind every day. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

W. L. Copeland was here Monday from Alvord.

Rev. Jim Boyd of Mercedes, was here Wednesday.

Yes, we have that new polychrome picture framing. Man and Christian.

Price is right, quality is perfect and quantity is sufficient in "Pride of Texas" flour. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

The name of Miss Iris Brown is to be added to the list of obliging ladies who last week responded to the request of the chamber of commerce to provide their own cars and escort the state health nurse, Miss Lala Fay Archibald, on her missions to various homes in Decatur, where many unsuspecting parents were acquainted with physical defects inhibiting the progress of their children in school.

Mrs. Willie Cannon, who was recently injured in an auto wreck in Fort Worth, is now at the home of Mrs. Julia Tiley. Mrs. Cannon has many friends in Decatur who will be glad to know she is rapidly recovering from her injuries.

Twenty-nine inch Tupelo chevits at Perkins-Timberlake Company at only nineteen cents per yard.

Carrier Eldon Williamson of route seven, suffered a broken arm Monday evening when he was driving an unruly mule into a barn on the Marvin Dickson place, west of town. The mule kicked Mr. Williamson on the right arm, breaking the member, and as a result the carrier is off duty for several days.

Mrs. Julia Tiley visited in Fort Worth.

We have barley, meal, bran, shorts, rice bran, oats, corn chops, Liberty chick feed—some line-up. Lillard's Mill, since '93.

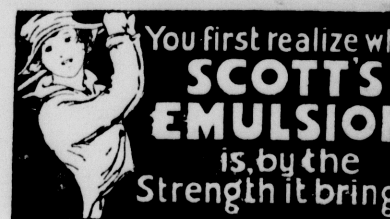
Vice-President Lipscomb of the Tennessee Dairies, Inc., Dallas, and County Agent Love visited Boyd county Wednesday, investigating the supply of milk that might be procured there for transport to Dallas. If a sufficient volume materializes the plan is to truck the milk to Decatur and combine it with the regular Dallas shipments from Decatur. If this is done the second truck route out of here will have been established. Sycamore community is now marketing her milk production thru the facility of a truck driven by Clyde Maiden, who makes a daily trip there and back to Decatur. The dairy industry around Decatur expands with increasing speed.

Decatur business houses will be closed all day next Thursday, Nov. 29—Thanksgiving day.

Wesley Barry at Majestic tonight.

Reports from the Hunter-Scott well southeast of town, say work is now progressing nicely, after some trouble in drilling into the obstruction that was caused by the charge of nitro put in the hole several months ago. It is said that the drillers are in high hopes of experiencing little trouble in drilling out the bridge, and when this is done, they say a good well will be hit.

Don't fail to see Wesley Barry in "From Rags to Riches" at the Majestic tonight.

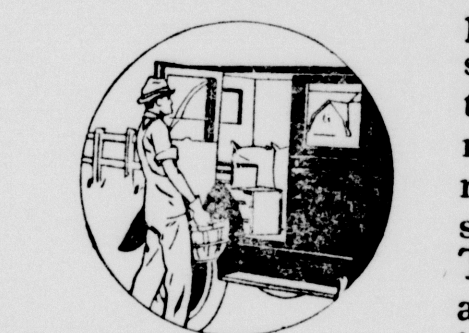


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No catalog house has a thing on me when it comes to low prices. Come and see!

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RHOME NEWS

Mrs. Ed Bryan of Canyon, is visiting relatives here.

Z. B. Bobo made a business trip to Dallas on Tuesday.

Horace Barker of Cleburne, was a Rhome visitor last Sunday.

Dr. Zack Bobo of Fort Worth, was Sunday guest of his parents.

Misses Mary Jo and Gladys Troxell were Decatur callers last Saturday.

Dr. G. P. Cherry of Fort Worth, was a business visitor in Rhome last Friday.

Mrs. E. L. Smitherman was in Fort Worth Tuesday on a shopping and business trip.

Ray Watkins, who has been at Olney for several months, spent last week-end here.

Gordon Barker was Denton visitor Saturday and Sunday, guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Florence Brammer spent last week in Fort Worth, guest of her sister, Mrs. Ed Larson.

Thurman Hudnall and Miss Cassie Fry Russell were guests of friends in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Horton entertained a number of young friends at her home last Friday evening.

Mrs. Sam Leonard spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Holden, of Fort Worth.

Miss Ruth Van Meter, T. W. C. student, spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Van Meter.

Miss Zella Gribble of Fort Worth, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Gribble.

Miss Etta Mae Hutchison of Elia-sville, arrived Sunday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Smitherman.

Quite a number of friends from Rhome attended the funeral of Judge W. D. Paschall at Deep Creek on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Dannie Sampson of Spur, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGlothlin, entered Decatur Baptist College on last Monday.

Misses Eula Mae Renshaw, Loretta McGhee, Gertrude Horton and Florence Bobo of Decatur Baptist College, were guests of homefolks here last week-end.

Mrs. Robert Odom and little son of Fluvanna, Rev. Walter Leach of Arkansas, and Rev. A. S. Leach of Colorado City, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Watkins are leaving this week for Olney, to make their future home. Much regret is felt in the loss of this family, yet all good wishes for prosperity and happiness are expressed.

Recent purchasers of 1924 model Ford coupes are DeWitt Morris, C. E. Shaw and Thurman Hudnall. E. P. Carpenter and Luther Benton have new Ford touring cars and Robert West has a Chevrolet sedan.

P. S. Bost is now in charge of the filling station in the Leonard addition. Mr. Bost is having a new tontorial shop built adjoining the filling station, which when completed will add much to Rhome's new business district.

Mrs. Ruth Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, died last Thursday morning, November 15th, at Harris Sanitarium in Fort Worth, after an illness of only a few days. The remains were brought to Rhome-Friday and interred in the Fairview cemetery on Friday afternoon. A large concourse of relatives and friends are left to mourn the loss of this good woman. Her immediate family consist of five girls and one boy, the youngest being six years of age. Much sympathy is extended the bereaved relatives.

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Decatur

BRUMLOW NEWS

A good sing song was held at the church last Sunday night. There was fine interest shown in singing.

The larger pupils of the school met at Mrs. Graham's last Sunday for a Sunday dinner, and spent a happy afternoon together.

There are fifty-six pupils in the school at Brumlow. Mr. Lawrence Vance is principal and Mrs. Highsmith primary teacher.

Brumlow wants to be on the map of Wise county communities, and it deserves to be. The scribe never saw community spirit run higher.

The ball boys have been busily engaged in preparing the grounds for the season's games. The Brumlow team played Audubon last Friday and won from that school by a 33 to 18 score.

DRACO NEWS

Earl Read spent last Sunday with Lois Jones of Paradise.

Miss Velma Tate is spending this week with her brother, Bud Tate, of Decatur.

Allie and Weldon Read spent last Sunday afternoon with Vera and Marshall Franks.

Mrs. W. O. Stevens spent last Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Meadows, of Cottdendale.

Luther Fitzgerald's family entertained the young folks of this section with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rieger of Decatur, spent Sunday with homefolks, Mr. and Mrs. George Atcheson.

CENTER POINT

Mrs. P. M. Bowser spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. H. Causeler.

Miss Hilda Rhine spent the week-end with her parents near Decatur.

Claude Porter and family spent Sunday with Leo Keonenger and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shannon spent Saturday night with their parents here.

Mrs. Floyd Denny and children spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Ben Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Young.

There will be a pie social here on Friday night for benefit of the school fund. Everybody invited.

Mr. Chester Shannon of this community, and Miss Bertha Perry of Draco, were quietly married on last Wednesday night at Paradise.

Many a man in business fails just because he doesn't put money enough into his business to make it pay. He starts out with poor equipment and employs incompetent help. There is so much waste that the man soon goes into bankruptcy.

Many a school, too, is failing because of poor equipment, incompetent teachers and supervisors, and failing because not enough money is being put into the school to make it pay. The failure of the school, however, passes by un-noticed.

THE "PRUDENT MAN" HAS A FAT TURKEY AND A FAT BANK ACCOUNT



—Money in the bank is something to be thankful for. The person who has a savings account should be thankful for the judgment that prompted the saving.

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SLIDELL NEWS

A. C. Hoyl of Decatur, was here Saturday.

Luther Atcheson was in Dallas on last Friday.

Harrison Hall was in Decatur last Friday on business.

Page Buttrill and family were out from Decatur Sunday.

Joe Jameson and family are visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Aletha Balthrop and Eula Lewis of Decatur College, were home last week-end.

Mrs. S. J. Moore of Los Angeles, California, is visiting her father, Mr. G. W. Durham.

Aleta Thacker entered school last week and is board with A. C. Acker while in school.

Frankie Donald of Lewisville, was the guest of Misses Edna and Melba Buttrill Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pruett, on Saturday, November 17th, a ten-pound boy.

Misses Gunter and Parsons of the Slidell school, visited their homes in Krum and Denton last week-end.

Rev. J. L. Read of Decatur College, filled Brother C. C. Griffith's appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

In the first game of basketball with Leo, the senior boys were defeated by the one-sided score 9 to 21.

A very successful pie supper was held at Hickory Plains last Saturday night, netting the school more than seventy-five dollars.

The school girls played the town girls an interesting game of basketball last Saturday in which the school girls won by a score of 9 to 27.

Monnie Dell Fortenberry, Thelma Atcheson and Paye Reid, who are attending school in Denton, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Lala Fay Archibald, of the state department of health, began a health survey of the school Monday morning. Dr. D. Y. Stem is co-operating with Miss Archibald in this most important work, and it is expected that great good will accrue to the children of the community in that defects will be pointed out that can be remedied and thereby promote the child's progress in school.

The initial meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held on last Friday afternoon, at which time the officers for the year were elected. Mrs. J. H. Reid was elected president; Mrs. Ida Doyle, vice president; and Mrs. L. M. Atcheson, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held on this Friday afternoon, at which time Miss Jewell Taylor will demonstrate to the association the need and importance of the hot lunch in school.

Last Monday morning Mr. Jefferson G. Smith, representing the rural school division of the state department of education, and Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent, visited the school on a tour of inspection, looking to the granting of state aid for the current year. They were met by pupils, teachers, school board and patrons, and shown thru the building and over the grounds. They found much to commend and seemed very pleased with the work and progress of the school.

FLATWOODS NEWS

This community has the peanut thresher with us.

Grandpa McDonald of Fort Worth, is up seeing after his farm.

Glenn Miller and William Potts of Decatur, took dinner at Bart Miller's Sunday.

Walter Harris and fafily spent last Sunday in the Center Point community with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Butler spent last Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Butler, of Arkansas.

There will be a pie supper at our school house Friday night, November 30th, for the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

WHITE HILL NEWS

Elbert Evans is seriously ill at this writing.

Odie Washburn is visiting friends at Rush Creek this week.

A party was enjoyed at the home of Lee Washburn Saturday night.

Harris Luther left last Monday for Oklahoma, where he will work this winter.

John Ervin Magness attended the box supper held at Lake Valley last Thursday night.

There was singing held at Union Hill Sunday, a large crowd being present. Another singing will be held next third Sunday. Everybody come.

Popular education is necessary for the preservation of those conditions of freedom, political and social, which are indispensable to free individual development. And, in the second place, no instrumentality less universal in its power and authority than government can secure popular education. Without popular education, moreover, no government which rests upon popular action can long endure. The people must be schooled in the knowledge and, if possible, in the virtues upon which the maintenance and success of free institutions depend. No free government can last in health if it loses hold of traditions of its history, and in the public schools these traditions may be and should be sedulously preserved, carefully replanted in the thought and consciousness of each successive generation.—Woodrow Wilson.

Minister's Wife—"Wake up! There are burglars in the house."
Minister—"Well, what of it? Let them find out their mistake themselves."
Porter—"This train goes to Buffalo and points east."
Old Lady—"Well, I want a train that gets to Syracuse and I don't care which way it points."

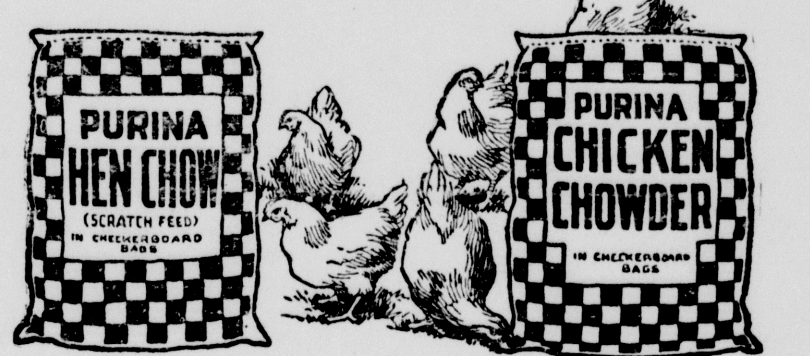
More Winter Eggs From the Whole Flock

WE know some folks who look upon it as a regular event for their hens to stop laying during the winter. Just when eggs are worth the most, their flocks aren't producing enough to pay the feed bill.

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WORK STOCK NEED PLENTY OF WATER

The problem of watering farm work stock is always an important one and frequently to give the animals water as often as they should have it is more or less difficult. In cool weather an idle horse or mule will get along fairly well if watered once a day, tho he will probably do better if allowed to take water more often. Even in cool weather the hard working horse or mule that sweats freely should be given water often, at least three or four times a day. But in hot weather, the animal that works hard and sweats freely would be the better for even more frequent watering. Certain basic facts should be understood before considering any rules for the watering of the farm work stock.

At one time it was generally believed that horses and mules should be watered before feeding instead of after. The theory was the horse's stomach being small, holding only about three gallons, would have the grain and other feed washed out of the stomach into the intestines if watered immediately after feeding.

Of course, digestion takes place in the intestines as well as in the stomach, but whatever the explanation, tests or experience has shown that it matters little when the horse is given water, just so that he gets what he wants and when he wants it.

Some are afraid to water a horse when he is hot, and there is no doubt, but a horse will sometimes take too much cold water when he is hot if he has been deprived of water for too long a time. A little water will not hurt a horse at any time and he will never take enough to hurt him if he gets it as often as he wants it.

In the south the work stock should be allowed the run of an open lot at night in warm weather and should have access to what water they will take, but during working hours it is sometimes very inconvenient to give the work stock water between morning and noon and between noon and night. There is no question but they ought to have it in hot weather and if it can be done without too much trouble or without the loss of too much time, it will unquestionably pay. More attention should also be given to the quality of the water in many cases.—Progressive Farmer.

One thousand yards of Tupelo cheviots at nineteen cents per yard at Perkins-Timberlake Company.

AMERICA HAS NOT FAILED IN SCHOOL

Immigrants who come to America are often disappointed in finding that conditions are not just as they had expected. Perhaps the golden stream is not poured out copiously enough; perhaps the restrictions which policeman and the sanitary inspector place upon them do not meet their ideas of American freedom; perhaps the food they must eat and the liquids they must drink are not those of the land from which they came. It is only natural that such things should cause a feeling of dissatisfaction.

In one respect, however, no immigrant has ever been disappointed, and that is in the provisions which this country makes for the education of his children. The Polish Jew who was taught in secrecy, if at all, and in fear of imprisonment, finds here that education is as free as the sun light. The German who was restricted to a few studies supposed to be suited to his station and was not permitted to pursue the high courses, finds in America that his children may attend any school for which they are prepared and that they sit side by side with the sons of the wealthy and cultured. The Englishman who was barred from the privileges of secondary education by the fees charged or by failure to procure a scholarship finds that high schools, housed very superbly, are open to all without price and formality save that which is necessary to insure academic readiness.

In no other country on earth is education suitable to the advancement of the pupils offered without distinction of class and without cost to all who apply. Americans know no other way, for their schools have been so conducted from beginning; but when Europeans come to us they quickly observe and generally appreciate the advantages that they enjoy for the first time. It often happens that the schools are the deciding factor in determining desirable immigrants to remain when they might otherwise be persuaded to return to the homes of their childhood.

The American system of public education is the crowning glory of the social system that has developed on this continent. Every patriotic American regards it with pride and maintains it with devotion.

Oh yes, we have Purina cow-chow, the only perfect balanced ration. Lillard Mill, since '93.

INCOME TAX FALLS OFF OVER BILLION

There was a decrease of a billion and a quarter dollars in the federal government's receipts from income taxes for 1921, compared with similar collections for 1920, according to an official statement of the internal revenue department. The aggregate of these receipts for 1921 was approximately \$1,420,962,438.

On the face of the figures it would appear that a considerable reduction of taxation had been accomplished for 1921 and would be effective also for the years 1922 and 1923. An analysis of internal revenue bureau figures and the concomitant fact negatives any such conclusion.

In the first place, the decline in the collections of income and profit taxes for 1921 was due principally to a shrinkage of the people's incomes. Wages and salaries of workers, farmers' gains, returns from investments and net receipts from business of all kinds diminished during industrial, commercial and agricultural depression that began with the first year of the republican administration and has continued more or less acutely ever since.

The net income upon which the 6,662,176 individual tax-payers paid taxes for 1921 was about four billion dollars less than that upon which 7,250,000 persons paid taxes in 1920. This decrease in the amount of net income and in the number of individual tax-payers reported in 1921 compared with those for 1920 did not result in any significant respect from enlargement of exemptions or a decrease in rates but from a dwindling of incomes.

Even if there had been a large reduction of income taxes under the law of 1921 wage workers, farmers and small business men would not have reaped its benefit, since the republican congress of 1922 loaded them with a tariff burden overwhelmingly larger than that which was removed from their backs in the year previous.

The reduction in the government's revenues derived from income and profit taxes for 1921 is one billion and a quarter dollars compared with 1920, but the tax on consumption for 1922 and 1923 will have been at least two and one-half times that total. This tax on consumption was levied by the last republican congress in form of the Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff. Every necessity

and convenience and comfort of the people has been put under tribute.

The income tax goes wholly to the government. Only five hundred million of the four billion tariff taxes is received by the federal treasury. The remaining eighty-seven and one-half per cent is taken as profits by combines, monopolies and the special interests. The republican congress gave all these special interests a franchise to tax the people and retain seven-eighths of every dollar they collected.

Income and profit taxes equal near thirteen dollars per capita. Tariff taxes represent thirty-six dollars per capita in the United States.

The Harvest.

There is always a harvest for those who work.

There is always a time of reaping. There is never a harvest for those who shirk.

But often a time of weeping. Endeavor and earnings go hand in hand.

The prize is for him who earns it. But nothing accrues for the man who sees.

There is work and willingly spurs it.

There is always a harvest for those who work;

There is always a storehouse filling With sheaves of gold as the years unfold.

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It is not enough to have understanding and good character among a few; what we require is good understanding and good education en masse. We must in the mass understand the problems with which we

must deal as a democratic people. We can advance and develop democracy but little faster than we can advance and develop the average level of intelligence and knowledge within the democracy. That is the problem that confronts modern educators; it is the problem confronting democracy itself.—Samuel Gompers.



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Then a month or a week, or even a day later, make the same reading, subtract the figures you got the first time from it, and you will know exactly the amount of gas you have used and lost.

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